on transportation excepting some expenditure on repair and maintenance of these vehicles.

(e) No action is called for, as there was no negligence on the part of the concerned officials.

Israel's industrial tie-ups with Indian firms

2396. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Israel has shown interest regarding industrial tie-ups with Indian firms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) During the period 1984 to June, 1989 no foreign collaboration approval involving Israel has been given.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of Indo-French Centre in New Delhi

2397. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether an Indo-French Centre for advanced studies in industrial economics has been set up in New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what will be the main purpose of this unit and to what extent it will help in improving industrial development in tne country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) and (b) According to available information an attempt is being made to set up a Centre jointly by Indian Institute of Industrial Economics and the French Institute of Higher Management for the development of expertise for industrialisation in the third world countries.

Supply of LPG at Subsidised Rates

2398. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATRUAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Oil Corporation Limited issued LPG cylinders at subsidised rates to the various societies/trusts registered as charitable institutions under the Societies Act or under Bombay Public Trust Act, 1950;

(b) if so, what are the names and addresses of such societies/trusts in the countries which have been granted such facility as on the 31st March, 1988 and the rate at which LPG cylinders are being supplied to them; and

(c) whether Government proposes to extend this facility to the Committees/Bodies for their community kitchens governed under the provisions of Religious endowments Act, 1963 in the near future ; if so, by when and if not, what are reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The time and labour involved in collection of information from all the Area offices of IOC may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.